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Northern Va. Region
Dept. of Env. Quality

Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board-

The Mirant Power plant has been a part of this community for over 50 years. The power it produces is necessary for us to maintain our standards of living. It is essential that the Air Board approve the permit needed to make environmental improvements being proposed by the plant. This will benefit the air quality for all who reside in this area.

I have lived here for the past twenty years and it is important to me to know that the needs of our community are met. It does not make sense to shut a power plant down when our energy needs are on the rise. As parents of two children, my husband and I want the Mirant power plant to be allowed to make the necessary upgrades to their facility that will improve the air that we breathe. The stack merge project proposed will exceed the standards required by the Department of Environmental Quality and the DEQ has encouraged the Air Board to approve the plan. It does not make sense for the Air Board to prevent Mirant from proceeding with these improvements.

The Department of Energy has declared that the plant is necessary towards guaranteeing enough power is available in the Atlantic grid. Attempts to fight the government on this issue have resulted in a tax bill of \$3 million for this city's taxpayers. Enough is enough. There must be a better cause to put our hard earned tax dollars towards.

I trust the Air Board will move quickly after the Public Hearing to approve this project. It is a concern of utmost importance to those of us in this community. Thank you for reviewing my request and concerns.

Sincerely,



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